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THE death of Dr. Riddle, in the prime of life and with everything to live for, will not only be mourned by the many friends to whom his lovable nature and winning personality had endeared him; but has also brought keen regret to those who have at heart the advancement of the less cultivated botanical fields to which he had turned his attention. With the prospect of many years of productive activity before him, he had but just realized the height of his professional ambition, through his Harvard appointment, which had brought with it almost ideal conditions for the accomplishment of the work which he wished to do.

With reference to his early choice of a profession, it is somewhat remarkable that this was made when, at the age of twelve, he was a pupil at the Roxbury Latin School. Having occasion to use for the first time certain botanical books, he became so interested in their contents that he determined to devote his life to the study of this subject—a purpose from which he is said never to have wavered until his desire to become a professional botanist was an accomplished fact.

Graduating at Harvard in the class of 1902, he took the degree of A. M. in 1904 and of Ph. D. in 1906. In June of this year he was married to Miss Gertrude Hollister Paine and in the autumn they made their home in Wellesley, where he had been appointed Instruc-

tor in Botany, taking the place of Professor Clara E. Cummings during her absence on leave. After the death of Miss Cummings, which occurred in the spring of 1907, he continued his service in Wellesley College, and was advanced, until in 1917, he was made full professor.

On leaving Harvard, where his interest had led him to specialize, and to write his thesis, in Cryptogamic Botany, he wisely resolved not to suffer his scientific activity to be submerged by the routine of teaching in a woman's college, and to avoid this danger at the very outset by making himself an expert in some special field of botanical research.

His selection of this special field, in which he later won distinction, was determined by the presence at Wellesley of the important Lichen Herbarium which had been accumulated by Miss Cummings, and which came under his charge after her death. Having this herbarium at hand for constant reference, and the unique collection at Harvard within easy reach, he had an unusual opportunity of which he took every advantage; so that, at the time of his death, he and his work were well known to lichenologists both in this country and in Europe.

In everything to which he turned his attention, he was careful and methodical, systematizing his activities so as to make the most complete use of his time. Always keeping in mind the necessity for counteracting the narrowing influence of intensive application to a single specialty, he was deliberate in his cultivation of other and varied interests: civic activities in the Wellesley Community: college administration and student interests: extensive and varied reading of general literature, especially in History and the English Classics, the thoroughness of which is attested by the copious "memoranda from books read" which he has left.

In addition to these and other factors, his horizon was further broadened by a trip to Europe, during a year's leave of absence in 1913, where he made special studies in the lichen collections at London, Paris, Geneva, Upsala, Helsingfors, etc., and became personally acquainted with various European botanists.

In the spring of 1919 he received the appointment of Assistant Professor of Cryptogamic Botany and Associate Curator of the Cryptogamic Herbarium at Harvard, and had served

but a single year when he was attacked by the long illness which terminated fatally on the 16th of January last.

Dr. Riddle always took an active interest in the affairs of the New England Botanical Club, and was its Cryptogamic Curator from 1910 to 1917; its President from 1917 to 1920, and shortly before he was taken ill, had been chosen an associate editor of *Rhodora*, to fill the vacancy left by the death of Mr F. S. Collins. He was also associate editor of the *Bryologist* from 1911, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and member of the Botanical Society of America.

His published work deals almost entirely with systematic Lichenology, although, in his last published paper on *Acrospermum*, he had begun to carry out his purpose of turning his attention to other fields. The list of his publications is as follows:

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A Key to the Species and Principal Varieties of *Cladonia* occurring in New England. *RHODORA* 11: 212.
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1910. The North American Species of *Stereocaulon*. *Bot. Gazette* 50: 285.
Review of Fink's Lichens of Minnesota. *Bryologist* 13: 97.
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An Undescribed Species of *Cetraria*. *Bryologist* **18**: 27.
1916. The Lichens of Bermuda. *Bull. Torrey Bot. Club* **43**: 145.
Report on the Lichens in N. L. Britton: The Vegetation of Anegada Island. *Mem. N. Y. Bot. Garden* **6**: 579.
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THE GRAY HERBARIUM EXPEDITION TO NOVA SCOTIA
1920.

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PART II. NOTEWORTHY VASCULAR PLANTS COLLECTED IN NOVA
SCOTIA, 1920.

THE published lists of Nova Scotian plants contain so very few records from Digby, Yarmouth, Shelburne, and Queens Counties that it is desirable to make our records from these western counties rather detailed and to enumerate all species which seem to be characteristic of this region as contrasted with the northern and eastern counties. Many species which abound from Digby Neck and An-